

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 3 A.M.

TO OUR AGENTS AND WEEKLY SUBSCRIBERS.—In consequence of the continued advance of everything connected with the publishing of our paper, we can take no more subscriptions to our Weekly at club rates. We must have \$2.50 for each and every subscriber.

HUMILIATION AND PRAISE.—Mayor Kaye has issued his proclamation directing the closing of all the city offices on Tuesday next, in response to the recommendation of President Lincoln and the resolution of Congress setting that day apart for national humiliation and prayer.

THE BLESSED RAIN.—Everybody has been rejoicing over the delitious showers which have visited us at intervals since Sunday noon. In different parts of our country, where the rain has fallen after an extended drought, writers have broken out in thanksgiving as the church-bells in New York City chimed their thanks to the great Dispenser of all good. On one of these occasions a contributor to the Boston Transcript, writing from a New England town, says in his exceeding joyousness: "It has come at last in answer to prayer, in merciful remembrance from Him who never forgets to be gracious in our great distress—it has come at last. A drop or two splashed upon the dry stones and parched ground. How bright the dark spots looked! A sprig or two dried and shriveled in the sun, which face the sun, have sprung up through the forecaston, and soon after the full-fledged clouds discharged their joyful burdens in fast-falling, thick-poring showers. Never before in all our experience has rain so welcome been. You wanted to ramble and rove in its bathing sheet, as in bayou you played with the streaming water; you were almost afraid and ashamed of an umbrella's shelter; you looked about upon trees, and shrubs, and corn, and grass, lifting their heads, clasping their boughs, reviving their faces, in their form, with a new sense of nature's all-silence, and in all the sating vapors, delightful after the smoke and haze of the weeks that were gone—so silvery as to throw a peculiar charm through their gauzy veil upon every distant object, and produce effects strange and wonderful as they were beautiful—all in this Heaven seemed to be returning to the earth the clouds of incense that were offered by lowly and loving hearts while the drouth prevailed. Let us never question, never doubt God's goodness again. Nature herself, through the whole trial which we have lately endured, would have taught us this. The great relief of rain required time and labor in the process of preparation. To every careful, patient observer there were signs enough in all the elements of what was coming for days, almost for weeks, beforehand. In the first place, there are always limits that are never passed; you seemed to feel their approach through an unerring presentiment. In the next place, with a little guinea, and slight training, you can accustom yourself to catch the subtle but sure traces of nature's processes and intentions as easily as you can read them in the weather-cock, the barometer, or the dew-glass. Creation's great cabinet contains the prototypes and originals of all such instruments, and many an humble observer can foretell the weather from them as accurately as the best watchmen of the best instruments. At all events, heeded or not, longed for, looked after, and prayed for, we trust, the blessed rain, we are sure, has come. God be thanked!"

GRANVILLE CARTERS HOME GUARDS.—On last Friday afternoon, while many of the citizens of Taylorsville were attending the Masonic funeral of Courtney Neal, late of that vicinity, eleven cavalry, claiming to belong to Col. Jesse's command, rode into the place. Eight of the number alighted and refreshed themselves with a drink at the tavern, and in five minutes after their arrival were again in the saddle, and moved in the direction of Bloomfield, apparently unconscious of the approach of any opposing force. When they reached the vicinity of the bridge, whooping and shouting were heard; the eleven were seen to turn about and return toward the Court-house. The shouting proceeded from twenty Home Guards and citizens of Anderson county, arming from up Salt river, who discharged some of their guns on entering the place. Upon racing opposite the Court-house, they were charged upon by the Jesu men, when seven of the Home Guards swerved from the main body, and one was killed and one wounded. The rest of the command, with two exceptions, were captured and paraded by the rebels, who soon left the town in quiet, the whole affair being over in ten minutes. Alberto Redman, the man killed, was decently buried by the citizens, and the wounded man attended to and sent home in a wagon. Ten muskets were picked up by the citizens after the skirmish, and handed over to the Federal authorities.

A much-respected citizen of Taylorsville, who furnishes us with the above particulars, says some of the paroled Home Guards have asserted that the town was barricaded, and that they were fired upon by the citizens from their houses. This he declares is entirely untrue. The main part of the inhabitants were attending Mr. Neal's funeral, and all the population were of course, at home.

FATAL SHOOTING.—The Nashville Union states that on Saturday F. W. Willis, of Edgefield, an employee of a wagon manufacturer there, was shot in Market street, in front of the post force depot, between Church and Broad streets. An eye witness says that Willis, in company with another gentleman, was walking down toward Church street, when the negro guard ordered them off from his beat. The two stepped closer to the curbstones, and from the immense crowd which it attracted on its former visit, we have no doubt that it will do a splendid business for the three days it is to remain with us now. The horse was then led to the sidewalk, the guard deliberately fired, the ball entering Willis's side and coming out of his abdomen in front. The unfortunate man was carried to Hospital No. 19, where he lingered in great agony, sinking rapidly, and at the time the reporter left, was not expected to live but a few minutes. The guard was put under arrest, and the master will undergo a strict examination.

During the last expired month of July 3,365 prisoners of war were transferred from the Military Prison in this city to prisons north of the Ohio, of whom one hundred and forty-five were commissioned officers from Colonel and the rest enlisted men, nearly all of whom were captured by the army of General Sherman. During the same period 1,860 rebel deserters have been released upon taking the oath of amnesty, and giving parole to remain north of the Ohio river during the winter.

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